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SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

of the

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year 1964

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's Field of Competence

The Subcommittee on Transportation (TSC) continued its informal program designed to improve the availability and quality of transportation intelligence. The availability of transportation intelligence, the usefulness of various types of reporting and the quality of various reports were discussed informally by the members from time to time throughout the year.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

No changes were made during the year in the Subcommittee's statements of Priority Deficiencies of Research (EIC-S-1 Series) attached to the report for Fiscal Year 1962. No work was done in the preparation of statements on Priority Deficiencies of Collection (EIC-S-16 Series). All statements are over 2 years old, but the TSC has no plans for updating or completing these statements.

3. Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives

The current Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives have not been discussed by the Subcommittee. No unified opinion has been developed, therefore, regarding the general usefulness of the PNEIOs.

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4. Review of Substantive Papers

The TSC reviewed informally the following paper:

Significant Developments in Inland Transportation in the European Satellites During 1962, presented by Mr. [REDACTED], ORR, CIA. 25X1A9a

5. Review of Proposals for External Research

No member agency submitted proposals for external research to the Subcommittee for review during the year.

6. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

Representatives of the members agencies met from time to time to effect informal coordination of certain basic statistics. Included were such subjects as the production of transportation equipment, inventories of transportation equipment, traffic and road capacity in various world areas. A paper was prepared for USIB jointly by CIA and DIA on truck traffic to and within Communist-held portions of Laos, and CIA and ONI informally coordinated data on international shipping to and from Cuban ports in the preparation of monthly reports for the support of the Department of State's Economic Denial Program. No formal program exists within the Subcommittee, however, for the maintenance of agreed basic statistics.

7. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC

EIC R16-S5 -- In Fiscal Year 1964 the sixth annual summary statement on Communist China's International Trade and Transport was prepared jointly by the TSC and the Subcommittee on Trade and Finance.

8. Intelligence Research Techniques

No discussions on intelligence research techniques have been held under the auspices of the Subcommittee this year. Several informal discussions have been held, however, between representatives of CIA and DIA on the analysis of truck traffic in North Vietnam and Laos and on estimating the capacity of roads in Communist Asia and Southeast Asia.

9. Special Coordinating Functions of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee during its October meeting presented to members of the reporting staffs of the Departments of State and Commerce an informal verbal appraisal of special reports on transportation prepared by the Foreign Service. Informal advice continued to be given by various members of the TSC to the Interagency Intelligence Advisory Group on Exchanges, but no formal papers were prepared for this Group by the Subcommittee.

10. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

Only two meetings of the TSC were held during the year. The personnel normally associated with the formal work of the Subcommittee, nevertheless, continued to function throughout the year as an informal close-knit team. This activity aided greatly in the production and coordination of transportation intelligence. As a result of the informal cooperation between these personnel, formal coordination of several significant estimates was facilitated at higher levels. Moreover, any component in the transportation intelligence community was able to obtain access to the working files of other components. With this free exchange of intelligence it

was possible for any component to focus the best intelligence in the community on the production of departmental or national intelligence.

Thus, even though the TSC did not realize its potential as a formal medium for inter-agency review and coordination during the year, the fact of its existence did make possible a great deal of valuable work undertaken informally.

B. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The problems associated with heavy priority production demands in relation to the personnel allocated appear to be present generally throughout the transportation intelligence community. The extent to which the TSC can in the future perform the "minimum" and appropriate "additional" functions for EIC Subcommittees as outlined in the EIC Handbook and in the TSC's Terms of Reference will depend, therefore, on the priority accorded to TSC activities by the member agencies. During the past year, the members of the Subcommittee did not request sufficient resources and priority to pursue the formal program of the TSC more actively. Changing conditions may require greater formal activity within this organization in the future. When that time comes the mechanism exists for carrying out the "minimum" and "additional" functions.